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The Honorable Sam Johnson
Chairman, House Subcommittee on Social Security
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I'm writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 5732, the No Social Security for Nazis Act, and to encourage you and your colleagues on the House Ways and Means committee to press for enactment of legislation to close this newly discovered loophole in current law this year.

As you've noted, during prior Congresses, action had been taken to cancel Social Security benefits for individuals determined to have participated in Nazi war crimes. In light of recent news reports detailing how a number of individuals in this category have maneuvered to maintain their access to benefits, it is clear that a fix is needed.

H.R. 5732 ensures that Nazi war criminals who voluntarily renounced their citizenship and left the country prior to an impending deportation action cannot retain Social Security benefits they would otherwise have lost and blocks such individuals' access to spousal benefits.

We are encouraged by the breadth of bipartisan support for remedial legislation targeting this loophole. On behalf of the Republican Jewish Coalition's 40,000 members, I salute you for your leadership in quickly moving to solve the problem that has recently come to light.

Sincerely,

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